

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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RESTRICTION ON BLACK BERRY SERVICES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to impose restrictions on the use of Black-Berry Services due to the perceived threat to national security from the use of this facility;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (c): No, Sir. However, the Government have issued instructions to all mobile service providers, inter-alia asking them not to connect or provide/run certain BlackBerry services unless the required monitoring systems are in place. The Department of Telecommunications has held meeting with mobile services providers, the BlackBerry vendor-"Research in Motion" (RIM) and other stake holders to resolve the issue.